

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: Frederick P. Hitz
Legislative Counsel
SUBJECT: Response to SSCI Inquiry

1. Action Requested: Sign the attached letter (Tab A) to Senator Birch Bayh, SSCI.

2. Background: You received a letter (Tab B) dated 9 November 1978 from Jeremy J. Stone, Federation of American Scientists, which accused the Community of leaking Castro's travel plans to Newsweek in the hope that someone might assassinate Castro. Stone sent a copy of his letter to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI). On 20 November 1978, D/PA responded to Stone's letter (Tab C). Stone denounced the response in a second letter (Tab D) to you on 22 November and D/PA decided not to reply in order to avoid a nonproductive dialogue with an obvious "Government baiter." Meanwhile, Senator Bayh sent you a letter (Tab E) asking us to look into Stone's initial allegation. We are of the opinion that Senator Bayh will be completely satisfied by the letter at Tab A and by seeing a copy of D/PA's response to Stone.

3. Staff Position: D/PA assisted in the preparation of this memorandum and the proposed letter at Tab A.

4. Recommendation: Sign the letter at Tab A.

Frederick P. Hitz

Attachments

Tab A

Tab B

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November 9, 1978

Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

The enclosed item in Newsweek of November 13 observes that Cuban President Fidel Castro has agreed to go to Spain but is reluctant to have his travel plans known lest he be assassinated. Since the item reveals his travel plans, it was presumably leaked by someone who would like to see such a terrorist act take place. And since the information could only come from intelligence channels, it presumably was leaked by some member of the U.S. intelligence community which you chair.

We want you to know of our strong condemnation for leaks of this kind; in view of reported American attempts to assassinate Fidel Castro, such dirty tricks are especially reprehensible. It looks as if we are encouraging others to attempt what we are now precluded from doing ourselves--as if we were not really sworn off the terrible process of encouraging the death of political opponents.

We are in the process of publishing a newsletter that condemns terrorism in another country. We could not but feel this matter should be alluded to also. If we receive any comment from your agency in time for our publication date ten days hence, we will seek to include it.

I do hope you will look into this and am sending a copy of this complaint to the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

Sincerely,

Jeremy J. Stone
Jeremy J. Stone

cc: Senator Daniel K. Inouye
Chairman, Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate

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Newsweek, November 13, 1978

CASTRO'S WARY TRAVEL PLANS

Cuban President Fidel Castro has accepted an invitation from the Spanish Government to pay his first visit to Spain, but he has set some ground rules: to help prevent assassination attempts, Castro wants the dates and itinerary of his trip kept secret as long as possible. Sources say that Castro will probably make the trip next spring, and that, at his request, the visit will include a tour of the impoverished Galicia region where his father lived before emigrating to Cuba.

SHOSTAKOVICH'S GUILTY MEMOIRS

The New York publishing firm of Harper & Row has landed a big catch: smuggled memoirs said to have been written by Soviet composer Dmitri Shostakovich, who died at 68 in 1975. Due out late in 1979 under the title "Testimony of Guilt," the memoirs reportedly tell a bitter story in which Shostakovich details cultural repression in the Soviet Union and indicts himself for his failure to speak out against it. Harper & Row expects the Russians to brand the book a hoax, but says its contents have been authenticated by experts.

TROUBLE AT USC

An internal controversy at the University of Southern California may lead to the dismissal of John Hubbard, the university's president. His likely successor would be Houston Flournoy, a USC vice president who lost a 1974 race for governor of California as the GOP candidate against Jerry Brown. Hubbard's problems center on his support of USC's recently established Middle Eastern studies center, which some faculty members view as a threat to academic freedom because of its close link with Saudi Arabia. The center is funded by U.S. corporations doing big business with the Saudis, and its director, Prof. Willard Beling, was an Aramco official before joining USC.

TRYING TO FREE SHCHARANSKY

U.S. efforts to free imprisoned Soviet dissident Anatoly Shcharansky (page 93) are continuing on several fronts. In one recent approach, State Department human-rights

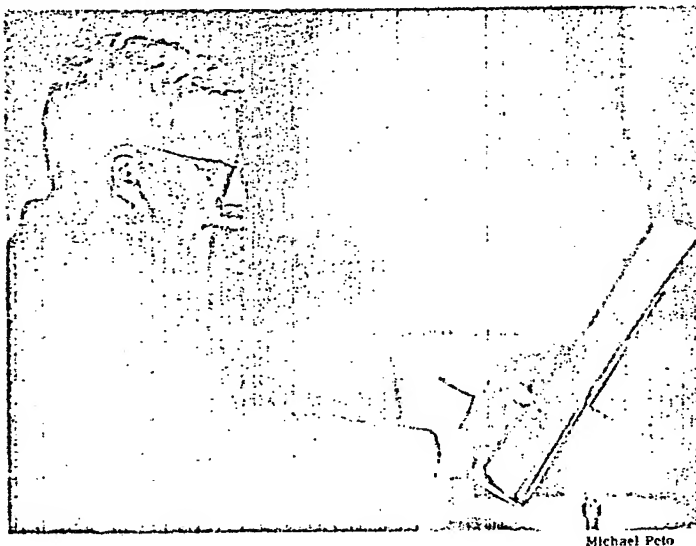
arranging a spy exchange in the past, plans to meet with him this month. Some observers consider a conventional exchange of prisoners unlikely in the Shcharansky case, but think the Russians might release him in return for a U.S. "expulsion" of Rudolf Chernyayev and Valdik Enger, the former Soviet U.N. employees who were each sentenced in New Jersey last week to 50 years in prison for espionage. Both are appealing the sentences.

DAYAN HELPS AN EGYPTIAN

Israeli sources tell of a personal favor done by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan for an Egyptian diplomat—a member of the Cairo team that has been in Washington negotiating a peace treaty with Dayan and other Israelis. The Egyptian, Abdullah Erian, recently received an appointment as a judge of the International Court of Justice at The Hague, and had to have the nomination approved by the United Nations. So Erian asked Dayan for Israeli support at the U.N.—and got it.

HUSHING THE CIA

With SALT II talks winding down to a crucial stage, the U.S. has become so sensitive about its relations with the Soviet Union that the National Security Council saw fit to squelch a rare attempt at candor on the part of the CIA. It all began when the CBS "60 Minutes" program asked for CIA films on the mission of the Glomar Explorer, the ship that tried to retrieve a



Shostakovich: A confession about repression

sunken Soviet submarine on a CIA assignment in the Pacific Ocean in 1974. The CIA itself favored releasing the footage to show off the technological accomplishments of the once secret project, but the NSC has rejected the CBS request for fear of offending the Russians. Meantime, the CIA is studying "A Matter of Risk," a new book on the Glomar Explorer episode, to see whether co-author Wayne Collier might have violated any secrecy agreements. Collier worked on the mission as a recruiter retained by the CIA to hire the ship's crew.

MORE CUBANS IN AFRICA

U.S. intelligence has learned that Cuba will send 700 civilian technicians to Mozambique, which will then have nearly 1,000 such advisers—the largest civilian contingent that Cuba has sent to any one country.

Tab. C

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20 November 1978

Mr. Jeremy J. Stone
Federation of American Scientists
307 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

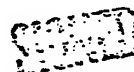
Dear Mr. Stone:

This is in response to your letter of November 9th, concerning an item which appeared in Newsweek about Fidel Castro's travel plans.

Your presumption that President Castro's travel plans could only have come from intelligence channels and were therefore leaked by some member of the U.S. intelligence community is faulty logic at best. Surely if he were planning such a trip his travel plans were known by other persons outside the United States Intelligence Community.

Be that as it may we would certainly join you in condemning leaks of this kind. The CIA and Admiral Turner are firmly and publicly opposed to terrorism or assassinations anywhere in the world.

Sincerely,



Herbert E. Hetu
Director of Public Affairs

Tab D

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November 22, 1978

Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

We have received a response to our letter of November 9 from Mr. Herbert E. Hetu which we considered unresponsive at best.

We appreciate your condemnation of leaks of the kind to which we referred, and we understand your argument that the leak might not have involved U.S. intelligence information, much less a member of the U.S. intelligence community. But what we asked CIA to do was to look into the matter and this request, the only one we made, was ignored.

Subsequent to the receipt of Mr. Hetu's letter, we found a reliable source who advised that the information did likely come from the U.S. Government since the author is a reporter whose beat is the U.S. Government. Another reliable source confirmed that part of the story at least came from U.S. Government sources. This increases the likelihood that the releaser had malicious intent or was, at best, insufficiently conscious of the impact of his leak on the American policy against assassination. And if it came from the U.S. Government, the source is likely to be intelligence information, if not intelligence personnel.

I do not believe that this material would have been leaked in this fashion, or printed, had its subject been Moshe Dayan, Ted Kennedy, or the President of Mexico. Castro seems still to be considered "fair game." In light of all the circumstances, including the implication of CIA in previous assassination attempts of Castro, and the information I have just provided, I do not feel I should have to prove the CIA was involved to get the Agency to bestir itself to some kind of investigation. Is this unreasonable? We shall ask the Select Committee to look into this matter also.

Sincerely,

Jeremy J. Stone
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Admiral Stansfield Turner
 Director of Central Intelligence
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear ~~Admiral Turner~~:

The Federation of American Scientists has brought to the Select Committee's attention a letter to you dated November 9, 1978, concerning a news item in Newsweek of November 13, entitled "Castro's Wary Travel Plans."

In this letter, the Federation states that this news item was presumably leaked by some member of the intelligence community who would like to see Castro assassinated. The letter goes on to ask whether this alleged leak is designed to encourage others to attempt what we are now precluded from doing ourselves--causing the death of political opponents.

Because of the seriousness of the above allegation, the Committee would appreciate a report on the matter.

Sincerely yours,

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 Chairman